



June 11, 2010

Next **Friday, June 18**, we'll have the **11th annual employee health fair in City Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** So far about 25 vendors are scheduled to be here, featuring screenings for blood pressure, glucose levels, vision, hearing and body fat analysis. Door prizes and giveaways will abound. We'll also have healthy snacks.

The City of Franklin has won two awards for our Green Initiatives. One from the **Tennessee Municipal League** for our **excellence in Green Leadership** and the other from the **Tennessee City Managers Association** for **excellence in Municipal Government with our Sustainable Community Action Plan and the Live Green Business Partnership**. Thank you to all of our staff who worked on these projects and to **Andrew Orr** and **Milissa Reiersen** who specifically worked on the business partnership, one of the Public Education Committee's goals in our Sustainable Community Action Plan. To learn more about our initiatives go to our Website and click on the **Live Green button** at the bottom right.

The second annual **Touch-A-Truck** has been approved and will happen today beginning at 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at **Pinkerton Park**. The **Water, Streets, Parks, Fire, Police and Solid Waste Departments** will participate with trucks and equipment at the park for kids to see inside and out. Following the event at about 8:00 p.m. will be the first **Summer Movie at the Park** with "**Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs**" playing. Thank you to all departments who are participating.

Bluebags are in town and ready for purchase at some of your local stores and will be in most of the other Franklin grocery and hardware stores by July. So far, **Lowes, Sam's, Harris Teeter, Publix in McKay's Mill, and Harpeth True Value have them in stock**. Slated to get them any day now are **Home Depot, Wal-Mart, Kmart, Kroger, Other Publix stores, Whole Foods and Target**. See our displays in Lowes and Home Depot this weekend. Kudos to all our **Solid Waste** workers who have been working tirelessly putting all the packets together that will be affixed to the roll out containers next week. I know this was a major undertaking and would like to **compliment Becky Caldwell and the Solid Waste team for coordinating this effort**.

Crystal Bishop with the **City's Stormwater Division** will be on **La Ley Radio** on Monday morning, June 14, at 9:00 a.m. **Norma Berrones from City Court** will translate. Crystal will talk about the City's Stormwater program, how recent flooding affected our City, and also mosquito prevention. She recently was featured in the Williamson Herald with a column about

mosquitoes. You can see the article at this link
<http://www.williamsonherald.com/home?id=70886>

The Nutro Company is working to enhance dog parks across the United States and Canada and they've chosen the **K-9 Korral at The Park at Harlinsdale** as their project in Tennessee. Volunteers and Nutro staff will be at the park **Tuesday, June 15 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.** to install two benches for dog owners and a 14 foot Red Oak Tree to add a little shade to the newly opened park.

At the Work Session this week I asked the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to **consider two personal Days for full-time employees for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.** The board will vote on the matter at the June 22 board meeting. We were able to do this last year, as an alternative to cost-of-living adjustments due to the downturn in the economy. We would like to provide this again this year to recognize the extra efforts of our City team. The personal days are provided as a one-time benefit for the 2010-11 fiscal year only and must be used between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011. A two percent general cost-of-living adjustment effective January 1, 2011 has been included in the proposed 2010-11 budget, which is have its third and final reading/vote on June 22nd as well.

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